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York County Woman Sentenced on Federal Fraud and Identity Theft Charges

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced today that a federal judge sitting in Portland sentenced **Cori A. Godin**, 28, of Lebanon, Maine, to 29 months in prison to be followed by 5 years supervised release for committing bank fraud, social security fraud, and aggravated identity theft. **Godin** was also ordered to pay \$44,947.42 in restitution. **Godin** had pleaded guilty to bank fraud and social security fraud in April 2007 and was found guilty by a jury of aggravated identity theft after a trial in May 2007.

According to court records, **Godin** devised and executed schemes to defraud several Maine financial institutions. **Godin** opened accounts at six banks and credit unions in York County. **Godin** then deposited checks drawn on various closed accounts into her newly-opened accounts, and withdrew the "deposited" funds before the banks became aware that the checks were worthless. The victim banks suffered combined losses of over \$40,000 as a result of **Godin's** fraudulent activity.

As part of her fraud, **Godin** used several different false social security numbers when opening accounts at the six victim banks. The aggravated identity theft charge stemmed from **Godin's** use of a social security number assigned to another individual in opening an account with one of the victim banks.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Sanford Police Department.

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